



Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start



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Mission Statement

The Mission of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start Program is to ensure families and their children grow and participate in life with confidence and awareness, making use of their individual strengths to reach full potential.

Goal

The Head Start Program is based on the premise that 3-5 year old children can benefit from a social and educational program.

Our vision is providing a program where Pre-school age children are offered an early educational experience that will build the foundation to become a lifelong learner.

Our philosophy begins on a principle of comprehensive services including high quality early childhood education, nutrition, family and community engagement, health and social services, cultural awareness along with a strong parent involvement to low income children and families.

Program Design and Management

Program Governance is a formal structure of shared governance, through which parents can participate in policy making or in other decisions about the program. The Policy Council and Parent committees at the center level, are two ways in which parents have an opportunity to participate

Policy council is a group of parents and community representatives required to be established by the Head Start. Policy Council assist in decisions about the planning and operations of the program.

Management systems and procedures are systemic, ongoing process of program planning that includes an assessment of community strengths, needs, and resources, and the development of long and short term goals and objectives in all program areas.



Early Childhood Development and Health Services

Child Health and Development Services

Entry into the program ensures an ongoing source of continuous, accessible health care. All development, sensory and behavioral screenings are completed so the process of identifying children with disabilities or developmental delays is well under way early in the year. Information gained from assessments is used to individualize the program for all children.

Education and Early Childhood Development

The education environment is developmentally and linguistically appropriate. It supports the development of all children's social, emotional, cognitive, language, physical skills, creative activities and support services, such as: health, safety, and nutrition. There is an assurance that parents have opportunities to observe their children. Parents and staff share assessment results to plan learning experiences.

Child's Nutrition

A nutrition program is designed and implemented that meets the nutritional needs and feeding requirements of each child. The meal service contributes to the development and socialization of children by having staff, volunteers and children eat together, sharing the same menu.



Child's Mental Health

A Mental Health Consultant is provided for timely and effective identification and intervention in family and staff concerns about a child's mental health.

Child's Health and Safety

Policies and Procedures are established and implemented to respond to medical and dental health emergencies.

Program Option

CENTER BASED: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start Program offers the Center Based option which serves children ages three through four.

Annual Events

Program Governance

* Little Olympics

(Non-competitive fun physical activities for all Head Start children)

* Health Fire & Safety Fair

(To interact with Health and Safety Professionals)

* Week of Young Child

(To Celebrate Children)

* Language Bowl

* OBI Blood Drive

* Parent Training

* "Fun Nite for Dad & Me"



Eligibility For Head Start

When taking an application and enrolling a child into the Head Start Program, each center uses a prioritization process. This process is based on mandated income priority guidelines.

Listed below are guidelines for submitting an application.

- Child must turn three by September 1
- Application must be complete
- Attach copies of the following to application:

Tribal Citizenship Card

(If applicable)

Income Verification-W2

Shot Record

Social Security Card

Birth Certificate

Medical & Dental Exams

- IEP/IFSP (if available)
- **Attention:**
Should funding become available, the MCN Head Start program may provide classes for Early Head Start, ages birth to 2 yrs old. Look for recruitment flyers at each center location.



Center Locations

Checotah

302 "B" Street
Checotah, OK
74426
(918) 473-0605

Okemah

103 Hiyak Po
Okemah, OK
74859
(918) 623-2000

Eufaula

320 Swadley Drive
Eufaula, OK
74432
(918) 618-6220

Tulsa

8601 S. Union
Tulsa, OK
74132
(918) 296-0357

Wetumka

333 S. Washita
Wetumka, OK
74883
(405) 452-1180

Okmulgee

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(918) 732-7904

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Midway

(918) 732-7897

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(918) 732-7899

